

APPROVED: Meeting No. 6-84

ATTEST: *Helen M Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 3-84

January 30, 1984

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, January 30, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman John Tyner, II

The Mayor in the Chair.

In Attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Decision - Extension
of Cold Spring Road

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on a proposal to complete a short segment of Cold Spring Road from Crestview Drive to the City limits. The proposed project would provide an alternate means of reaching Falls Road from the Horizon Hills neighborhood.

Councilman Abrams suggested that Councilman Tyner talk to the state delegates in Annapolis. Councilman Tyner said he would be willing to do that, but of necessity, it would be a low priority, since the work program in Annapolis has been clearly defined for this session of the legislature.

Councilman Abrams moved, seconded by Councilman Duncan, that the road not be extended at this time, that it not be looked into during the current budget year but that the Mayor and Council urge the State delegation to get the Governor's attention and exert political influence for a traffic light on Kersey at Falls Road since the Mayor and Council feel strongly about it. At the same time, citizen's groups should mobilize and let people in Annapolis know of the problems that exist with the Mayor and Council assisting them. Councilman Tyner said he plans to vote against the motion. He would in no way prevent a new Mayor and Council from looking into it. He also has a problem with the intention of the City leading a money hunting expedition when a sense of priority exists in Annapolis. He has no problem with no action at this time. Councilman Abrams said the citizens are concerned and rate it an

extremely high priority. There will be indications of this when the new Mayor and Council review the budget. It is highly unlikely that this Council or the next Council will be called prior to the May or June budget cycle. He would like to create a certainty for the people to focus on in Annapolis. He noted that last week during the hearing the Mayor suggested the citizen's association mobilize to let their elected representatives know that a traffic light is needed. It would seem to him the money concern is specious. Federal law allows the transfer of 10 percent of funds for traffic light improvements and the federal government will probably fund 10 percent of this.

Councilwoman Hovsepien said she has a problem with so many matters being contained in one motion. She does feel a problem exists there and does not know how much of a traffic problem is necessary to warrant a traffic light.

Councilwoman Hovsepien moved, seconded by Councilman Tyner that the motion be amended to omit all portions but the portion that applies to the extension. Councilman Duncan said he is more comfortable with a single motion and would like to see the project just pushed back one year.

Councilwoman Hovsepien's amendment failed, only Councilmembers Hovsepien and Tyner voting aye.

Councilman Abrams motion failed, only Councilman Abrams voting aye.

Councilman Duncan moved, duly seconded, that nothing be done at this time, to extend Cold Spring Road but a decision be postponed until the FY 1985 budget considerations. Councilwoman Hovsepien said she saw no need of this unless new information would be given to this Council to reconsider. Councilman Duncan said there may be new information from the State legislature or school bus information. The motion passed, only Councilwoman Hovsepien voting nay.

Councilman Abrams urged the Council prior to the budget sessions to let the legislators from the 17th District and the 15th District know the City's feeling and assist citizen's groups. The City could provide technical data, etc. and look at other issues that fall into the same category in the City. The Mayor agreed and said the City should write to the delegates and probably to Ida Ruben, the Chairman of the delegation and acquaint her with the issues. In this particular instance, the six delegates and two senators should be brought in. He would like to see the staff review the geometrics along with the traffic counts and have the letter indicate that a public hearing was held and provide the legislators with all the information on it.

Re: Status report on Ramp
removal at Mall
Parking Garage

Mr. Goodin, Director of Public Works, told the Mayor and Council that an action plan for removal of the ramp and restoration of the roadway has been developed by the Public Work's Department. The target date of September 30, 1984, for completion has been established. The following steps will be followed:

- 1) Submit cost estimates and formal request to the Maryland SHA for authorization of funding to restore the roadway. The ramp removal will be funded by the City. The request will be submitted by March 1, 1984.
- 2) Submit ramp removal plans, including a traffic management plan to the SHA for permit issuance by March 1, 1984.
- 3) Finalize ramp removal plans and bidding specifications, bid and award the contract by May 15, 1984.
- 4) Prepare roadway restoration plans and submit to SHA for review, approval and permit issuance by June 1, 1984.
- 5) Finalize road restoration plans and bidding specifications, complying with SHA bidding requirements (due to State funding of this project), bid and award project by August 15, 1984.
- 6) Complete ramp removal work by August 1, 1984.
- 7) Complete pavement restoration work by September 30, 1984.

The Mayor and Council approved the calendar. The Mayor requested the City coordinate with the Mall developers so that reconstruction is dovetailed with the work they are doing.

Re: Work Session:

A. Society for Theatre Arts

The Mayor and Council met in work session with James Griffin and Mary Horsman of the Society for Theatre Arts. The group and the Mayor and Council discussed budget and programming. The Mayor and Council commended the group for the work that has been done to date and agreed to subsidize to the group to the amount of \$20,246 as requested in the memo.

B. Sister City Task Force

The Chairman for this task force, Dickran Hovsepian, briefed the Mayor and Council on several papers that had been submitted prior to this evening's meeting. The Mayor and Council and the Sister City Task Force discussed: 1. Group activities at the government levels requiring a minimum of effort. The minimal effort would be acting as a "catalyst" on exchanges and identifying organizations or individuals interested in exchange activities, based on their expressions of interest, and providing names, addresses etc., as points of contact. Once contact points have been identified and provided, organizations and individuals would then be responsible for any further activities. Among matters which would fall in this category are: sports

clubs, civic clubs, chamber of commerce, amateur radio groups, schools, garden clubs, fire departments, senior citizens, pen pals, boys & girls scouts, etc.; 2.

Proceeding with the group activities such as soccer teams, commercial and industrial exhibits where some city effort might evolve as a result of specific requests made-- each to be decided individually; and 3. Group activities where more than a minimal level of city effort would be involved - rosebushes from Pinneberg, the police visit from Pinneberg, art exchanges, student exchanges, video presentation and official visit. The Mayor and Council thanked the Sister City Task Force for the many hours that have been spent working on these projects and finalizing the recommendations.

C. Priorities

The City Manager submitted a list of priorities to the Mayor and Council broken down into the A & B categories. The Council asked for elaboration on some policies for programming. They approved the priorities.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the testimony for the County Council public hearing on the County Council CIP and approved the testimony.

Re: County Pool

Mayor Freeland and the City Manager briefed the Council on the construction of the County Pool at the Wall Lane site. They explained if the pool were placed at this site the debt service and the operating costs will be taken out of the Recreation fund that does not apply to Rockville so there will be no tax duplication. The fees will be kept in line so that a larger fee could be charged to Rockville residents. At the present time those outside of the City limits are charged additional fees for the City's pools and the fees for both facilities would be aligned. The two pools would be compatible rather than competitive.

Re: Southland Corporation
Handicapped Program

Staff submitted information on this program to the Mayor and Council at the request of Councilman Duncan. The Mayor and Council asked the staff to look into it further.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, February 13, 1984, or at the call of the Mayor.